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Thank you for your continued interest in the pilot program for regulating the mooring/anchoring of vessels outside of public mooring fields. We have received several questions from prospective participants regarding certain requirements and would like to clarify some of them.

Statute 327.4105 states that each location selected for inclusion in the pilot program must be associated with a *properly permitted mooring field*. The following permits are required:

1. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Environmental Resource Permit and Sovereign Submerged Lands Authorization (if located on state owned submerged lands). This permit is required for any construction in wetlands or surface waters and for the use of submerged lands owned by the State. More information on permits is located at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/index.htm> A list of DEP district offices is enclosed.
2. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permit is required when you are placing any structure in navigable waters. The permit is obtained through the USACE regulatory branch responsible for your specific county. USACE website is: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Regulatory/sourcebook.htm> A list of the USACE regulatory offices is enclosed.
3. The state of Florida is covered by two separate districts of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Using the enclosed map of both the 7th and 8th districts you will be able to determine which office to contact. Authorization by the USCG is required for placement of special purpose marker(s) and private aids to navigation which are posted on navigable waters.

USCG 7th District website is located at: <http://www.uscg.mil/D7/d7dpw> For more information regarding District 7 permits, contact Section Chief Joseph B. Embres at: 305-415-6730. The USCG 8th District website is located at: <http://www.uscg.mil/D8/waterways> For additional permitting information contact 504-671-2328.

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4. Permit letter from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) authorizing the placement of any information or regulatory markers associated with the anchoring/mooring pilot program. Information regarding Uniform Waterway Markers and permit applications can be found at:
http://www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/boat_waterways_index.htm

If you have any questions concerning the permitting process, please contact me, Ms. Tara Alford or Ms. Shelly Gurr at 850-410-0656, extension 17169 and 17163 respectively.

Sincerely,



Major Paul R. Ouellette, Section Leader
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Attachments

cc: Mr. Timothy Rach, DEP

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